

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTOMETRY

MINUTES OF MEETING

September 25, 2013

Open Session

The Open Session of the Board of Examiners for Optometry met on the above date in Room 104, Cannon Building, Rhode Island Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended.

Board members in attendance: Board members not in attendance:

David Mills, O.D.

Samuel Montalto, O.D., R.Ph

Scott Surdut, O.D. Staff members in attendance:

Louise DiChiara Pastore, O.D., R.Ph. J. Michel Martineau

A quorum was established at 8:48 AM, Members review the agenda.

Communications

Members review a communication from Caytey Steele of Steele

Compliance. Members determine it is within the scope of practice for a RI licensed optometrist to order lab tests, perform finger prick to draw blood, providing they comply with CLIA and all applicable laws.

Members review a communication from Biotissue and determine Code 65778 as defined by CPT is within the scope of practice for a RI licensed optometrist.

The minutes of the open session held on January 23, 2013 were presented. On motion by Dr. Mills, seconded by Dr. Montalto, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes.

Dr. Mills indicates board counsel Steve Morris, Esq. is wrong when he indicates the sale of non corrective decorative lens in a kiosk is not a violation of RI Optometry Law. Dr. Mills states a contact lens has a curvature and is a medical device regulated by the FDA. Dr. Mills adds the fact that the decorative lens has no power is meaningless. The administrator states he will take this additional information to Atty. Morris.

Due to a conflict with the Department schedule, it is determined to cancel the board meeting scheduled for November 21, 2013 and not reschedule at this time.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On motion of Dr. Surdut, seconded by Dr. Mills, it was unanimously voted to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, as Amended, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed. The Open Session adjourned at 9:15 am.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order at 9:45 am.

On motion of Dr. Mills, seconded by Dr. Surdut, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in Executive Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

The minutes of the closed session held on January 23, 2012 were presented. On motion by Dr. Surdut, seconded by Dr. Montalto, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes.

C12-1031 Dismissed

Licenses granted since the most recent meeting held on September 19, 2012 through January 22, 2013 include:

CODTG00553 Aoude, Mona

CODTG00591 Waldorf, Greg R

CODTG00592 Beiter, James Gordon, Jr

CODTG00595 Gajewski, Amanda Nicole

CODTG00597 Reuter, Anne Daugherty

CODTG00599 McPhee, Liane Carley

CODTG00601 Prytula, Eric Michael

ODTG00590 Kliethermes, Leslie Nicole

ODTG00591 Waldorf, Greg R

ODTG00592 Beiter, James Gordon, Jr

ODTG00593 Martinez, Michael Robert

ODTG00594 Burns, Kristen L

ODTG00595 Gajewski, Amanda Nicole

ODTG00596 Benevides, Christina Maria

ODTG00597 Reuter, Anne Daugherty

ODTG00598 Hogan, Katherine Marie

ODTG00599 McPhee, Liane Carley

ODTG00600 Stewart, Brittany Ann

ODTG00601 Prytula, Eric Michael

ODTG00602 Pugliese, David T

Adjournment

Having no further business, on motion of Dr. Mills, seconded by Dr. Montalto, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Michel Martineau

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